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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A stapler, comprising:

a clincher unit comprising a clincher for clinching legs of a staple driven out by a driver and a holder which holds the clincher,

said holder being formed with guide surfaces which are slanted for guiding tips of the legs of said staple toward the clincher, wherein

said holder is ~~configured~~ mounted in the clincher unit so as to be movable in relative to the clincher unit through in response to press contact between the guide surface and the leg of the staple when the leg is guided along the guide surface.

2. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 1, further comprising a driver unit comprising said driver, wherein the driver unit and said clincher unit are vertically separated from each other.

3. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 1, wherein said clincher has a pair of clincher members disposed rotatably relative to said holder, and disposed so that positions of their rotating surfaces are deviated from each other, and a partition plate is disposed between the clincher members.

4. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 1, wherein  
said clincher unit comprises a clincher unit box of which a side opposing the driver is  
opened, and  
said holder is disposed movably in the clincher unit box, and  
biasing members are disposed between a first wall of the holder and a first wall of the  
clinch unit box opposing said first wall of the holder, and between a second wall of the holder  
and a second wall of the clincher unit box opposing said second wall of the holder,  
to bias said holder in directions pressing toward each other.
5. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 4, wherein said  
biasing members are wave springs.
6. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 2, wherein said  
clinch unit has a pair of clincher members disposed rotatably relative to said holder, and disposed  
so that positions of their rotating surfaces are deviated from each other, and a partition plate is  
disposed between the clincher members.
7. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 2, wherein  
said clincher unit comprises a clincher unit box of which a side opposing the driver is  
opened, and  
said holder is disposed movably in the clincher unit box, and  
biasing members are disposed between a first wall of the holder and a first wall of the  
clinch unit box opposing said first wall of the holder, and between a second wall of the holder  
and a second wall of the clincher unit box opposing said second wall of the holder,  
to bias said holder in directions pressing toward each other.
8. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 3, wherein

said clincher unit comprises a clincher unit box of which a side opposing the driver is opened, and

said holder is disposed movably in the clincher unit box, and

biasing members are disposed between a first wall of the holder and a first wall of the clincher unit box opposing said first wall of the holder, and between a second wall of the holder and a second wall of the clincher unit box opposing said second wall of the holder,

to bias said holder in directions pressing toward each other.

9. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 6, wherein said clincher unit comprises a clincher unit box of which a side opposing the driver is opened, and

said holder is disposed movably in the clincher unit box, and

biasing members are disposed between a first wall of the holder and a first wall of the clincher unit box opposing said first wall of the holder, and between a second wall of the holder and a second wall of the clincher unit box opposing said second wall of the holder,

to bias said holder in directions pressing toward each other.

10. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 7, wherein said biasing members are wave springs.

11. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 8, wherein said biasing members are wave springs.

12. (Previously Presented) The stapler according to claim 9, wherein said biasing members are wave springs.